



August 2018

Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club of Savannah

From Our Co-Presidents

Hard to believe we are moving toward the end of the Summer! Our board has met twice and we are well on our way to having another year of enjoyable time being together. We have had great news! Our club has moved up a level in national awards: we are now a Club of Superior Performance!

Allison Smith has once again come up with a fun and varied plan for our programs. Sue Souls is ever steady in managing our finances and will be receiving your dues in the coming months. Patty Koch is bringing our literacy effort to a higher level. Ellen Atkins will be helping us to mail this newsletter and you will see her beautiful invitations for our special events. Beth and I thank them all for their great work. We have a lot to look forward to in the coming months!

We currently have 59 paid members and there is always room for more. If you know other Pi Phis invite them to come with you to one of our events. We often carpool and if you ever have need of a ride contact one of us and we will arrange it. Please send your \$45 dues (\$35 National and \$10 Local) to Sue. The deadline for submitting to be included in our bi-yearly directory is October 15. The form is included with this newsletter. Be sure to send Sue any changes in your information.

Note to our YOUNGER MEMBERS: You are always welcome at any of our events. We thought the Kendra Scott evening in November might be appealing. You may want to join us for dinner afterwards, or a group of you could gather together at a location of your choice. Beth and I would be happy to help you organize it.

We hope to see many of you at our first event on October 18. It will be the start of another great year!

In Wine and Silver Blue,

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Leap into Literacy

We can contribute to Pi Phi's nationwide literacy mission by helping people read, speak and write more fluently in our own community. Questions? Email Patty Koch: copyconcepts.koch@gmail.com.

November 14 – Donate to Deep

When you purchase jewelry at our fabulous Kendra Scott shopping event, you'll also help budding writers from Savannah's public schools. 20% of all sales that afternoon will be donated to the Deep Center, which sponsors free writing workshops for Savannah's middle school students and celebrates the stories they create. Visit deepcenter.org now and learn more at our shopping party.

December 5 – The Gift of Reading

Be an angel, and bring an armful of new children's books to our annual Christmas luncheon. Ellen Atkins will once again wrap and present preschool books to Wesley Community Center's pre-K program and donate books for older children to the West Broad Street YMCA's after school program.

February/March – Give 500 Free Books

Beth Holmquist is applying for the 500 free book grant from Pi Phi and First Book again this year. If we are fortunate enough to be one of the 100 chapters and alumni clubs to receive it, we will present stacks of free books to Savannah school children in early 2019 as part of Pi Phi's Day of Service. Stay tuned for updates!

Fridays in March – Teach Newcomers English

Here's your chance to participate in Pi Phi's Day of Service – and to personally promote literacy in just two hours! Come converse with refugee women who have arrived recently in Savannah and assist in teaching them English. Mark your March 2019 calendar for Fridays from 12 noon to 2pm to volunteer at the Women's English Club at Southside Baptist Church. Come one Friday or every Friday in March. No teaching or foreign language experience necessary, just a willingness to welcome newcomers and help them learn a new language.

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2018-19 Calendar of Events

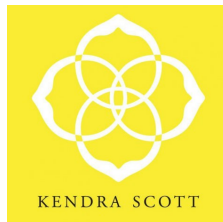
October 18: Byrd Cookie Company Tour



We're getting our year off to a sweet start with a behind the scenes look at Savannah's iconic cookie company. Packaged in colorful tins and now available worldwide, these yummy bite sized confections have been making local tummies happy since 1924. Our tour is scheduled for 2 pm following our 12:30 lunch at Bowtie Barbecue located at 6724 Waters Avenue. We will plan to carpool from Skidaway Island at 12:15, returning between 3 and 3:30 depending upon how much retail therapy we need in Byrd's fabulous gift shop. The cost of the tour is \$7 per person which can be paid the day of the tour. A final count is due on October 1st so NO CANCELLATIONS after this date. Please email allisonrsmith@comcast.net if you wish to attend the tour only or tour + lunch. Guests are also welcome.

November 14: Bejeweled & Be Generous

We're very excited to announce a special event we have planned in partnership with Kendra Scott Jewelry, located at 311 West Broughton. In just 16 years, Ms. Scott has grown her company into a billion-dollar fashion brand loved globally. Her designs are fresh, fun and colorful and appeal to all ages. Philanthropy is one of the core pillars of the brand and they generously donate 20% of sale proceeds through the *Kendra Gives Back Program*. So, please invite your friends and come join us for some champagne, strawberries and shopping. 20% of all sales between 4 and 7:00 will be donated to Deep Center, a nonprofit founded in 2008 to address the detrimental effects of poverty on literacy in Savannah. No pressure to buy but the jewelry and store are both lovely, so chances are you'll find a little something for yourself or someone on your holiday list. But wait, there's more. We have dinner arranged at Garibaldi Cafe which is a quick 2-minute walk away. Seatings are at 6 and 7 pm and you will be able to order off the menu. Please email allisonrsmith@comcast.net no later than October 29 if you wish to join us for dinner. Time slots will be filled on a first come basis. And carpooling will be arranged.



December 6: Our Annual Christmas Luncheon.

Kathryn McLearn will host at her home at 39 Seawatch Drive beginning at 11:30. **We would like to enlist the help of two people to co-chair this event. Contact Beth or Chris to help.** Information and details will follow in an invitation in November.



February 24: Brunch & Blithe Spirit



We'll be traveling up to the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina on Hilton Head for a performance of this fantasy comedy by Noel Coward. Departing Skidaway at approximately 10 a.m., we'll enjoy an early brunch at Ela's Blu Water Grille with its pretty views of the harbor and then walk over to the theater. We are allowing lots of time at the restaurant since we will each be ordering and paying separately. Plenty of shops to browse if we are early for the theater performance at 2:00. Husbands and friends invited. Theater tickets are \$42. Checks payable to Pi Beta Phi Alumni Club of Savannah are due by November 15. Mail or tube your check to Sue Souls, 206 Yam Gandy Road, Savannah 31411.

April 27: Founder's Day Luncheon

As we continue to embrace our inner fashionista, we are very excited to welcome Kay Stanley, fellow Pi Phi and Founder & CEO of Spartina 449, to this year's luncheon at Vic's on the River. Another huge success story and one of the fastest growing private companies in the U.S., the brand's roots are firmly planted in nearby Daufuskie Island. Kay will be sharing her company's story, inspirations and future plans with us. We hope you can join us for this very informative and yummy lunch. Lunch will be in Vic's private Dieters Den (don't let the name fool you) and will include a salad, choice of entrée and a decadent dessert. Cost inclusive of tax & gratuity will be approximately \$35. Invitations will be mailed in March. Carpooling will be arranged.

